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In re Reissue Application of
Sklar, et al.
Reissue Application No. 09/627,395
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For: AIRCRAFT SATELLITE TELEVISION
SYSTEM FOR DISTRIBUTING TELEVISION
PROGRAMMING DERIVED FROM
DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the reconsideration petition filed January 7, 2004 under 37 CFR 1.183 to suspend 37 CFR 1.172 and 1.67 where they require execution of a supplemental reissue declaration by all of the inventors.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.183 to suspend 37 CFR 1.172 and 1.67 is **granted**.

The original patent named Richard E. Sklar, Lawrence E. Girard, Ralph P. Phillipp, David C. Frankenbach, Dickey J. Berry, and Jim C. Williams as joint inventors. The parent reissue application papers were executed by a joint reissue declaration that was signed by all 6 inventors and filed on July 27, 2000.

In view of the execution of the original reissue declaration by the joint inventors and the showing that diligent efforts were made to locate joint inventor Williams, under the extraordinary circumstances of this reissue application, justice would be served by suspending the regulations to the extent they require the execution of supplemental reissue declaration by joint inventor Williams. The supplemental reissue declarations submitted on October 31, 2003 and January 9, 2004, taken together, are acceptable.

After the mailing of the present decision on petition, the application file will be forwarded to Technology Center 2600's technical support staff for entry of the preliminary amendment filed April 15, 2003 and the amendment filed October 31, 2003.

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